GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2851
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SHIFTING OF LPG/RETAIL OUTLETS
DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the rules and regulations adopted by the Government to shift LPG / Retail Outlets from one State to another State, one district to another district and one village to another village and one place to another place in the same village ;

(b) whether these rules and regulations, particularly in rural areas are being implemented properly ; (

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from Rajur, district Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), opposing to shift the retail outlet ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken / proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : Resitement of LPG distributorships/ Retail Outlets are permitted in case the subject distributorship / Retail Outlet has become economically unviable due to certain reasons which are beyond the control of the dealer / distributor. The cases involving inter-district resitement are considered and decided by the Board of the concerned Oil Marketing Company.

(b) : Government have not come across any violation relating to resitement policy of LPG distributors / dealers.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. HPCL has resited this Retail Outlet to Bamblewadi, District-Ahmednagar as this Retail Outlet was operating below the economic viable level since inception inspite of all efforts made by the dealer. The inclusion of about 32 villages in the hinterland in the Kalsubai Harishchandragadh Wild Life Sanctuary in 1996 has restricted the possibility of any agricultural or industrial activity in the area as also the sales potential. The local demand of petroleum products is being met by another outlet located on the same road.